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For: Alkaline Bacillus Amylase

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit references which they believe may be material to the patentability of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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The references are listed in PTO form 1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. Copies of references were filed with USSN 09/249,558 filed February 12, 1999, February 17, 1999, and July 16, 1999, the benefit of which is claimed under 35 USC 120.

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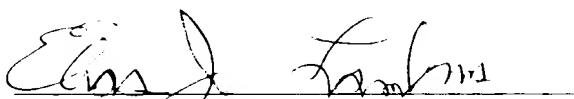
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It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

Respectfully submitted,

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